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HAVANA, CUBA, JAN. 21 (REUTERS)--AN ALLEGED CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (C.I.A.) AGENT, HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF 44 CUBANS DROWNED LAST OCTOBER WHILE TRYING TO FLEE THE COUNTRY, WAS EXECUTED BY A FIRING SQUAD LAST NIGHT.

ENRIQUE GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ--ALIAS EL FLACO (THE THIN MAN)--WAS BOSS AND SOLE SURVIVOR OF A BOAT WHICH SANK IN THE FLORIDA STRAITS DURING HURICANE INEZ.

CUBAN AUTHORITIES SAID JAN. 5 THEY CAPTURED GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ AND THREE OTHER CUBAN EXILES WHEN THEY LANDED ON THE NORTH COAST OF CENTRAL CUBA TO TAKE A GROUP OF 20 CUBANS TO MIAMI ILLEGALLY.

GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ, 32, WENT BEFORE THE FIRING SQUAD IN HAVANA WITHIN HOURS OF HIS DEATH SENTENCE BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

THREE OTHERS WHO LANDED WITH HIM WERE GIVEN UNSPECIFIED JAIL TERMS. A FOURTH WAS KILLED WHEN THE REST WERE CAPTURED.

GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED "HIS CLOSE LINKS WITH INTELLIGENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF THE YANKEE GOVERNMENT" AND ADMITTED HAVING CARRIED OUT SEVERAL MISSIONS TO CUBA TO TAKE PEOPLE CLANDESTINELY TO MIAMI.

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FIRST ADD HAVANA AGENT X X X MIAMI.

GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ TOLD REPORTERS IN MIAMI LAST OCTOBER THAT HE MADE PERIODIC TRIPS TO CUBA TO TAKE REFUGEES.

HE WAS THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF THE BOAT WHICH GOT CAUGHT BY HURICANE INEZ. HE AND A COMPANION WERE PICKED UP BY A PASSING FREIGHTER BUT THE OTHER MAN DIED OF EXPOSURE SHORTLY AFTER.

U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON HAVE DENIED HE WAS A C.I.A. AGENT.

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